

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 5, after line 22, insert the following new paragraph.

Figure 4 is a diagram illustrating one of the XML documents stored in the XML file store of Figure 2.

Replace the paragraph starting at Page 8, line 17 with the following replacement paragraph:

The Voice over IP telephone device 12 implements application-specific messaging using extensible markup language (XML) documents 90, referred to as “application state documents”, that are used to define the generic messaging protocol (i.e., command set) available to executable applications. In particular, the GUI controller 25 includes a stack 36, and an XML module 38. The XML module 38 includes an XML file store 40 for storing XML documents 90, and an XML parser 42 for parsing a selected XML document. Each As illustrated in Figure 4, each XML document 90 corresponds to a specified state 91 of an executable application (hence the term “application state document”), and may reference another XML document 93. Each XML document 90 includes XML tags 95 that specify an operation to be performed: for example, XML tags can specify the manner in which display elements 20 are to be displayed (e.g., 95a), how input operations are to be performed by the user input interface 24 (e.g., 95b), how inputs supplied by a user should be interpreted (e.g., 95c), how audio files should be played, etc..

Replace the paragraph starting at page 9, line 8 with the following replacement paragraph:

As described above, each XML document (e.g., 90a) specifies a prescribed application state 91, and may reference another XML document (e.g., 90b) that specifies another corresponding application state 93 for the same executable application. Hence, the XML application state documents 90 are grouped into XML applications 92, where a group of application state documents 90 collectively define the XML-based application to be performed. Hence, the XML application state documents 90 are stored within an XML file store 40 in groups of XML applications 92a, 92b, and 92c. For example, the XML documents 90a and 90b specify respective states of the XML

application 92a, and the XML documents 90c and 90d specify respective states of the XML application 92b.

Replace the paragraph starting at page 9, line 17 with the following replacement paragraph:

The XML documents for a prescribed application typically are loaded in the XML file store 40 as default documents; alternately, newer application-specific XML documents 92 may be loaded into the XML file store 40 during registration of a new application service. The stack 36 is configured for storing active XML documents used by the GUI controller 25 for active applications. The XML parser 42 is configured for generating display element identifiers 97a specifying display elements to be displayed (i.e., display operations), input identifiers 97b that specify the input operations to be performed by the user input interface 24, and any other identifiers specified during the selected XML document based on the application-specific commands 32 (e.g., video or audio operations).